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SUBJECT: DRAWING AFRICAN ATTENTION TO SOVIET ACTIVITY
IN THE HORN

REF: STATE 214253

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER KARGOUGOU SEPTEMBER 9
QUESTION OF SOVIET SUPPLY OF ARMS TO BOTH ETHIOPIA AND
SOMALIA CAME UP AS WE WERE REVIEWING VARIOUS AFRICAN
PROBLEMS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED AT 32ND UNGA. KARGOUGOU
DEPLORED SOVIET POLICY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. HE SAID
UPPER VOLTA HAD LITTLE INFLUENCE IN THAT PART OF THE
CONTINENT, NOR INDEED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND
DID NOT WISH TO SIDE WITH ONE PARTY AGAINST THE OTHER.
UPPER VOLTA, HOWEVER, WAS GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET
ENCROACHMENTS ANYWHERE IN AFRICA AND WONDERED WHY WESTERN
POWERS DID NOT USE THEIR POWER AND INFLUENCE
TO THWART SOVIET MANEUVERS IN THE HORN.

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2. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT UPPER VOLTA
WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN EXPRESSING PUBLICLY ITS
CONCERN OVER SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY TO ETHIOPIA
OR SOMALIA. IT MIGHT BE WILLING, HOWEVER, TO SUPPORT
SUCH EXPRESSION OF CONCERN FROM OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS,
PARTICULARLY SENGHOR AND HOUPHOUET-BIOGNY.

3. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT ELICITED ANY SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT IN THE SHORT RUN, IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ON THE FACTS OF SOVIET ACTIVITY IN THE HORN. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION. IT NEED NOT BE TERRIBLY DETAILED, BUT SHOULD BE MORE THAN WE ARE GETTING IN THE PRESS--PERHAPS MONTH-BY-MONTH FIGURES ON SOVIET SHIPS AND CARGO FLIGHTS TO SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA, OR PERHAPS EXPRESSED IN ESTIMATED TONNAGE OF MILITARY SUPPLIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ON SOVIET ACTIVITY IN THE HORN FOR ME TO PASS TO THE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER. GRAHAM

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